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For: **ZIRCONIA-ALUMINA NANO-COMPOSITE  
POWDER AND PREPARATION METHOD  
THEREOF**

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.